

## Launch of Angling For Youth Development Ireland

Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) will launch the Angling For Youth Development (AFYD) Ireland programme on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> of May at Mount Juliet Hotel in Kilkenny.

This IFI initiative followed on from a meeting with AFYD Scotland who developed the initial programme. The Angling Council of Ireland (ACI) was invited to participate and work with IFI personnel to develop and deliver this new angling education programme. IFI and AFYD Scotland recognised the necessity for trained, certified and vetted personnel to deliver the course. All ACI coaches are certified by Coaching Ireland as part of the National Coaching Development Programme for Ireland and have completed child protection and child welfare training. In addition, they have completed the Garda/PSNI vetting process. ACI angling coaches are well placed to help IFI staff deliver the angling modules of the programme in schools.

The initial pilot project was run in Waterford by IFI staff and ACI coaches. Minister Fergus O Dowd will present certificates on the day to the students who have successfully completed this pilot project.

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